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REFERENCE: (A) CAIRO 7744; (B) STATE 177097

FOR CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO FAHMY IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OUR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: OUR DISCUSSION WITH BREZHNEV ON THE MIDDLE EAST DID NOT TAKE US ANY FURTHER THAN MY LAST CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO IN GENEVA. AS YOU WILL RECALL, THE SOVIETS GENERALLY SEEM TO ACQUIESCE IN OUR EFFORTS TO PURSUE THE DISCUSSIONS ON A FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE RE-STATED THEIR VIEW THAT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS DANGEROUS

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AND THAT ATTENTION SHOULD BE TURNED AT SOME EARLY POINT TO

NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE NOT COMMITTED OURSELVES TO ANY PARTICULAR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRINCIPAL EUROPEAN PARTIES, WE EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE HOPEFUL OF ACHIEVING PROGRESS TOWARD AN INTERIM AGREEMENT AND URGED THEM NOT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES AT THIS STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. SOME OF THEM SAID THEY HAD HAD APPROACHES FROM THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT STATING THAT THE U.S. ENDORSED THE LATEST ISRAELI POSITION. WE TOLD THE EUROPEANS THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, AND IT WAS AT THAT POINT THAT I ASKED AMBASSADOR EILTS TO LET YOU KNOW OF THIS BACKGROUND IN CASE YOU SHOULD YOURSELF GET ANY SECONDHAND REPORTS FROM EUROPE STATING THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE ISRAELI POSITION. WE, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH US IN DISCUSSIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EGYPT.

4. AT THE OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN STOPS, WE TOOK THE LINE THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO PRESSING URGENTLY FOR SUCCESS IN THE CURRENT INTERIM NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

5. IN BRIEFING FAHMY YOU MAY ALSO DRAW ON REFERENCE B WHICH PROVIDES TALKING POINTS ON CSCE.

6. COPIES OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF STAGE I HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS OF 1973, CSCE FINAL ACT SIGNED AT HELSINKI SUMMIT AUGUST 1, AND BACKGROUND PAPER ON CSCE BEING AIR-POUCHED. KISSINGER

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